

## STATE OF WASHINGTON

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MISSION CREEK CORRECTIONS CENTER FOR WOMEN

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TO:

All Staff

Mission Opeck Corrections Center for Women

FROM:

Incident Command Post

Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women

**SUBJECT:** MCCCW COVID-19 Outbreak

On April 7, 2021, Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women (MCCCW) confirmed that a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, on April 19, 2021, MCCCW received confirmation that four (4) incarcerated individuals, housed in Gold Unit, have tested positive.

As a result of the positive test results, and per Department protocol, MCCCW is considered to be in outbreak status. The contact mapping process for incarcerated individuals and staff has begun and are following established protocols. A health care team is completing symptom and temperature checks of all incarcerated individuals in the housing unit daily. Employees and incarcerated individuals considered to have been in close contact will be notified.

MCCCW has placed all three living units on precautionary quarantine. MCCCW has conducted testing of individuals in Gold Unit and expects to receive test results in three to five days. Individuals will be notified if the results are positive for COVID-19.

Depending on test results, incarcerated individuals may be moved to a different housing assignment. Individuals who test positive will be housed together. Individuals who test negative will be tested a second time and those that receive a double negative result will be housed together.

Everyone here at MCCCW has been issued protective equipment to keep themselves safe and to help prevent the spread of this virus among staff, as well as the individuals. Staff continue to thoroughly clean and disinfect the affected unit and encourage other precautionary activities, including providing extra cleaning supplies to the incarcerated individuals, strictly enforcing face covering and social distancing rules and strongly encouraging increased handwashing and sanitation.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.

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